Anna Springer
Post Office Employment File
Abstract

The following is abstracted from Anna's postal civil service employee file during her tenure with Connellsville, Pennsylvania post office.

Anna wrote a letter to W.D. McGinnis, identified as the "custodian" of the Connellsville Post Office; letter written July 9, 1918 and Anna is writing to "please consider me an applicant for the woman's position in connection with the post office bldg.., in your charge as soon as a vacancy therein may occur".

Her letter proved fruitful as just a few days later she filled out an "Information as to the Personnel" document. This document appears to be similar to a job application. It asks which branch of the service she wants to be employed, to which she responds "custodian" at the Connellsville post office building working in the position of "charwoman". For compensation, she says "reg[ular] compensation 25 monthly". For her legal residence, she lives "West Side, Connellsville". She states she was born in 1878 and is a widow.

She was offered employment to a temporary position of charwoman at compensation rate of $300 per year [which equals her request for $25 monthly]. The previous charwoman, Maria Morris, had submitted resignation to be effective July 31, 1918. Anna signed an "oath of office" on July 22, 1918, and she was approved to start temporary employment on September 27, 1918.

Her employment was changed from "temporary" to "probational" on February 26, 1919. In another "Information as to the Personnel" document dated February 27, 1919, she states compensation to be $32.50 per month; she resided in Connellsville; that she was born at Mount Braddock in 1878 and was a widow.

Her position status was changed from "probational" to "permanent" on March 22, 1919 with compensation remaining at $300 per year ($25 per month). She was recommended for a compensation increase to $360 per year ($30 per month) in November 1919 and the increase was approved.

She signed another "oath of office" document on April 15, 1921. Her compensation increased from $360 per year to $600 per year ($50 per month) effective July 1, 1924.

She filled out a "Personal History" document on January 10, 1926 which gave her name, voting district as District 23, Fayette County; born at Mount Braddock, Pennsylvania on January 20, 1878, and widowed. The form also notes her position is charwoman and that she began employment with the postal service on July 10, 1918. Her closest relative was son R. W. Springer, living in Monessen, Pennsylvania.

She received compensation increase to $630 per year ($52.50 per month) effective July 16, 1928.

Compensation calculations changed with an act of July 3, 1930 which changed compensation from an annual stated amount to an hourly amount. Anna's compensation was changed from $630 per year to $0.50 per hour effective July 3, 1930.

She notified the post office of her intent to retire effective October 31, 1941. She appears to have been eligible for retirement benefits as her file notes she started having retirement deductions from her pay starting in 1922. One document in her file noted her education was through the 6th grade.

Citation:
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